Theft of MTNL Cables

2021. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that theft of MTNL cables in Delhi has assumed alarming proportions and has become a business;

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss suffered by the MTNL due to cable thefts at the end of 1993, as compared to the loss suffered in 1992;

(c) whether Govrenment have made any inquiry into the rise in the cable thefts and to identify the involvement of MTNL, officials/employees, if any;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir, it is a fact that a large number of cable thefts are taking palce in MTNL Delhi.

(b) The estimated loss suffered by MTNL due to cable thefts during 1993 and 1992 in as under—

Year	Estimated (Material cost)
1993	Rs. 1105216.00
1992	Rs. 936947.00

(c) So far no inquiry has been made. FIR is being lodged with the police, in every single case, involving theft of cables. MTNL has also been emphasising that investigation of these thefts be entrusted to a special team and to conduct a drive for coordinated action to curb such thefts.

(d) MTNL has on its own undertaken following measures to contain cable thefts.

1. Intensive patrolling of important cable routes.

2. Close coordination with police authorities.

3. Double locking of manhole covers on duct routes and external chain and lock arrangement of PCM cabinets.

4. Burrying of cables in concrete in open culverts.

5. Installation of Alarm circuits for cables on vulnerable routes.

Liberalisation of terms by the Dot for Suppliers of Value Added Services

2022. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Telecommunications has liberalised the terms and conditions imposed on prospective suppliers of value added services; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such services and those of the new liberalised terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM). (a) Yes, Sir. The terms and conditions have been liberalised with a view to promote value added services.

(b) The essential details of the services and their liberalised terms are as follows—

1. *Electronic Mail Service*:

(a) The Annual licence fee has been revised to Rs. 25 lakhs per year for first two years; Rs. 35 lakhs per year for next two years and Rs. 50 lakhs for the 5th year.

(b) Licencee can provide service anywhere in the country.

(c) The related services, such as EDI Data bases, Store forward FAX, File Transfer and Protocal Universion will be veiwed as an extension of Electronic Mail Service.

2. *Voice Mail Service*:

(a) Licence fee has been revised to Rs. 15 lakhs per year for Delhi and Bombay, Rs. 10 Lakhs per year for Calcutta & Madras and Rs. 5 lakhs per year for each of other cities.